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## A Copter Called Lady Ellen

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DALLAS, Aug. 10 — A reconditioned medical evacuation helicopter painted with the name "Lady Ellen" will go into service soon in the battle zone where Nicaraguan rebels are trying to defeat the Sandinista Army.

Lady Ellen is Mrs. Ellen Garwood of Austin, Tex., whom acquaintances describe as "probably not yet 80," who has picked the anti-Sandinista forces as her favorite tax-deductible charity.

Mrs. Garwood, who met here last week with Maj. Gen. John R. Singlaub, retired, an adviser and money-raiser for the rebels, said she gave \$25,000 toward the used helicopter's cost.

The general said that the aircraft cost about \$100,000 and that about \$35,000 was being spent on reconditioning it. He said Mrs. Garwood is the largest single contributor to the United States Council for World Freedom, an anti-Communist group he heads.

Mrs. Garwood said she gives the money to the rebels to carry on in the spirit of her father, the late William L. Clayton, who was Under Secretary of State in the Truman Administration and is credited with being the idea man behind the Marshall Plan.

"I could not let all the work that Dad did to keep the free world free from Communism go under," she said. "And we're about to go under unless we keep those freedom fighters going. Our Congress, they're bubbleheads. They have no sense."

Mrs. Garwood said she spends much of her time trying to get other Texans to help the rebels.

"I write letters and write letters," she said. "Pickle says he gets more letters from me than from his wife," she added, referring to her Congressman, Representative J. J. Pickle. "He's always on the fence, and I'm trying to get him off," she said.

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